

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 remain active in the Application. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 13-18 are allowed. Claims 3, 6, 10, and 12 have been amended.

The Office Action states that the prosecution on the merits is now closed in accordance with the practice under Ex-Parte Quayle.

Claims 3, 6, 10-12 stand objected to because of certain informalities..

In response, Applicants have now amended claims 3, 6, 10 and 12 by making the necessary corrections.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Applicants believe that they have properly addressed each listed formal matter, and respectfully request that all the amendments to the claims be entered and that the Examiner pass all the pending claims to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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